Water supply in South Delhi areas

378. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is water scarcity in various South Delhi areas especially in the Sarvodaya Enclave, particularly in summer months;

(b) what is the duration and quantum of daily water supply during each month from March to September in these colonies; and

(c) what are the reasons for low pressure and short supply of water to the said areas, what steps are being taken to improve the water supply in the areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. About 60 MGD of water is being supplied in South Delhi colonies against the assessed requirement of around 80 MGD.

(b) In Sarvodaya Enclave, water is being supplied for a duration of about 4 hours in the morning and 4 hours in the evening.

(c) Low pressure of water occurs whenever there is dislocation in the transmission system. Proposals are under consideration for setting up a new distribution system at Dear Park in Houz Khas.

Parliamentary Proceedings on Doordarshan

379. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the duration of "Sansad Samachar" and "Parliament News" on Doordarshan from present ten minutes each to give a greater coverage to the Parliamentary proceedings;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to change the present timings of "Sansad Samachar" and "Parliament News" on Doordarshan to include it in National Programme; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (d) At present, "Sansad Samachar" in Hindi and "Parliament News" in English are being telecast outside the National Programme as per the fixed time chunk. These items are not included in the National Programme of Doordarshan as news relating to Parliament already accounts for about 10 per cent of the total time for two National News Bulletins included in the National Programme of Doordarshan. As the programmes put out by Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi are relayed by all the satellite-linked transmitters in the country, these programmes are viewed by subsantial number of viewers. As far as other Doordarshan Kendras are concerned, they telecast a summary of Parliament Proceedings in their weekly bulletins in their respective languages. Presently, the duration of the National Programme is of 155 minutes, which includes 20 minutes each of two news bulletins in Hindi and English. While on Saturdays and Sundays the duration of Hindi and English news bulletins is of 30 minutes respectively. Within the remaining 105-115 minutes, other items catering for a wide variety of programme requirements for various sections of viewers are accommodated. Therefore, it is not considered feasible to include "Sansad Samachar" and "Parliament

News" in the National Programme of Doordarshan.

It is also not been considered feasible to increase the duration of Parliament news in English and Hindi which is of 10 minutes duration each at present. Simple reading of Parliamentary news on Doordarshan does not make the programme visually rich. Moreover, All India Radio also covers Parliamentary news on the National network and repeating almost the same on the bulletin over Doordarshan during the same time span would not serve any additional purpose. As news relating to Parliament already accounts for about 10 per cent of the time for the two National News Bulletins in the National Programme, any increase in the duration of the programme would also put pressure on the limited transmission time available with Doordarshan.

Allotment of flats/plots to the Delhi Development Authority staff

380. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any quota for officers and staff of Delhi Development Authority for allotment of plots and flats;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of plots and flats so far allotted to officers and staff of Delhi Development Authority under the quota scheme; and

(d) whether any survey has been made to find out the number of plots and flats allotted to close relatives of officers and staff of DDA by misuse of this facility, if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Expenditure on cyclone relief works in Andhra Pradesh

381. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for sanctioning an additional amount of Rs. 449.60 lakhs spent by the State Government over and above the ceilings of the expenditure approved by the Government of India for providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims of cyclone of November, 1984;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has also requested the Central Government to extend the time limit for incurring the expenditure on relief and rehabilitation of those affected by November, 1984 cyclones upto 31st March, 1986 instead of 31st December, 1985;

(c) whether the Government of India have acceded to the above requests of the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The request of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for enhancement of the ceiling of expenditure by Rs. 449.60 lakhs has been considered by Government of India and it has been decided not to reopen the case since the ceilings were fixed